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**RESPONSE**

This communication is in response to the Non-Final Action mailed December 14, 2005.  
A Petition for a one-month Extension of Time to respond is provided herewith. Please amend  
the above-identified application as indicated on the attached pages.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.